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More specifically, this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a copy of a PCT Search Report (PCT/ISA/220 and 210), which was issued by the European Patent Office (EPO) in a PCT application. This PCT Search Report was mailed December 12, 2001. The PCT Search Report cites six references, but three of them were previously made of record

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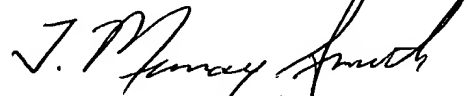
in the present application by a prior Information Disclosure Statement. As to the other three references cited in the PCT Search Report, each is a U.S. patent which is listed on enclosed Form PTO-1449, and a copy of each is enclosed.

Also enclosed are copies of six U.S. patents which have been cited by the PTO in a related copending application (U.S. Serial No. 09/590,508 filed June 9, 2000). Each of these six references is also listed on enclosed Form PTO-1449.

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It is respectfully requested that the enclosed items be considered when the present application is taken up for examination. Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

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